

**Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

# **21st Century Scholars Program**

**Inaugural 21st Century Scholars Award  
Nominations**





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In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) is launching the inaugural 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Awards.

Since its inception, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program has mobilized hundreds of outstanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Alumni, local community leaders, and school and community-based partners all striving to improve the lives of Hoosier students across Indiana. The Commission has the privilege of honoring the best and brightest partners through the inaugural 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Awards.

**Applications are due May 1, 2015**, and we encourage you to consider nominating an outstanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Alumni, local community leader, or school and community-based partner for this great honor and recognition.

All nominees will be invited to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Awards Reception in July 2015.

### **Outstanding Partner Award (Organization)**

*The Outstanding Partner Award recognizes an outstanding school (K-12 or postsecondary), local community leader or community-based partner organization for its impact and contributions on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program. This award is designed to help increase the public awareness of and support for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars programs and services. Any school, non-profit, business, foundation or government agency is encouraged to submit a nomination.*

### **Distinguished Alumni Award (Individual)**

*The Distinguished 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Alumni Award recognizes an outstanding Alumni for his or her professional achievements, contributions to society and continued support to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program. Nominations will be open to any 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Alumnus who has successfully earned a postsecondary credential.*

### **Champion Award (Individual)**

*The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Champion Award recognizes individuals who have made essential contributions to the success of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program and the students it serves. Nominations will be open to any individual who has distinguished him or herself by advancing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program mission of college and career readiness and student success. Champions can be parents, family members, mentors, school administrators, school counselors, peer mentors, current Scholars and Scholars Alumni.*

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## NOMINATION PROCESS

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Each nomination packet should include the following:

- ✓ Application Cover Sheet, with completed background information
- ✓ A nomination essay (500 words or less) which outlines the following:
  - How has the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program had an impact on your life?
  - In what ways have you been able to give back to the Program or your community?
- ✓ Two letters of support from executive staff, Scholar student or other staff member
- ✓ All award nominees will be asked to submit a high resolution, print quality copy of their organization's logo for publicity.

All nominees will be invited to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Awards Reception in July 2015. Please submit all materials in one PDF file to [Scholars@che.in.gov](mailto:Scholars@che.in.gov) with 2015 Outstanding Partner Award in the subject line. Faxes and hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

For questions, please contact Emily Sellers at [ESellers@che.in.gov](mailto:ESellers@che.in.gov).

## NOMINATION TIMELINE

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| March 20, 2015 | Award nominations available  |
| May 1, 2015    | Award nomination packets due by 5 pm EDT to <a href="mailto:Scholars@che.in.gov">Scholars@che.in.gov</a> |
| May 29, 2015   | Award winner notification  |
| July 2015      | Award Reception  |



Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Cover Sheet

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| <b>Scholar Alumni Name:</b>               |                |
| <b>High School &amp; Graduation Year:</b> |                |
| <b>College &amp; Graduation Year:</b>     |                |
| <b>Major/Degree:</b>                      |                |
| <b>Current Employer:</b>                  |                |
| <b>Title:</b>                             |                |
| <b>Phone:</b>                             | <b>E-mail:</b> |
| <b>Letter of Support (organization):</b>  |                |
| <b>Name:</b>                              | <b>Title:</b>  |
| <b>Phone:</b>                             | <b>E-mail:</b> |
| <b>Letter of Support (organization):</b>  |                |
| <b>Name:</b>                              | <b>Title:</b>  |
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I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award.

I understand that, as a Distinguished Alumni Award nominee, I will be encouraged to attend the award ceremony held in July 2015 in Indianapolis, IN.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_